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WAR SCARE.**EVACUATION OF PEITAIHO.****U.S. WARNING.**

Fighting Expected Near Summer Resort.

JAPAN HELPING GENERAL CHANG?

Owing to the proximity of hostilities between the Nationalists and the Northern remnants, American citizens resident at Peitaiho, the well-known summer resort not far from Peking, have been warned to evacuate forthwith. British persons have also been told that they are to prepare to leave the place at a moment's notice.

Latest advice from the war zone indicates that the Nationalists are using units belonging to Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," and that they are contemplating an advance against the positions which the Northerners have held ever since they gave up Peking.

General Chang Tsung-chang, who is at the head of the Northerners, is still using a Japanese merchantman as a transport. In this connection it is interesting to note a cable published by a local vernacular paper to the effect that Japan has arranged to help Chang Tsung-chang with money and munitions costing a large sum.

ADVANCE ON NORtherners.

The inference behind such a statement is that Japan wishes the Northern Army to remain as a buffer between the Nationalists in China Proper and the Japanese interests in Manchuria. Messages given below will show that the Northerners' forlorn hope in Shantung has failed.

Peking, Yesterday.

Minor fighting has been reported between a Nationalist force led by General Pao Tseng-ho (under the direction of Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General") on the

tine but the area is still occupied by Manchurian forces.

General Attack.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

It is authoritatively stated that General Pei Chung-hsi (one of the big four of the Kwangsi Nationalists) is issuing an order for a general attack against the Northern remnants in three days. He is conferring with the Shansi Nationalist generals in Tientsin to-day. The first stage will be to capture Lutai.

It is understood that a raiding party from the north is already threatening Ningbo, which is to the east of Lutai.

General Chang Tsung-chang is reported to be at Kaiping, where he has established his headquarters.—Reuter.

SHANTUNG'S FATE.

Now in Nationalist Hands Once More.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

According to Japanese reports, owing to the sympathy shown to the Nationalist movement by Northern troops at Tsingtao (the port of Shantung province), the local Northern commander has gone over to the Nationalists. The result is that the whole of Shantung now owes allegiance to the Nationalist Government. This is expected to totally upset the plans of General Chang Tsung-chang to transfer his army from Chinwangtung to Shantung in an effort to re-establish his authority in Shantung.—Reuter.

Northerners Revolt.

Peking, Yesterday.

Northern troops, belonging to General Chang Tsung-chang recently in occupation of the Chefoo district have revolted and the Nationalist flag has been hoisted at Chefoo, Laichow, Lungkow, and Hwanghsien. Chefoo is quiet.

The revolting Northerners were under a General Fang who has gone over to the Nationalists. British Naval Wireless.

SHIP FIRED ON.

Japanese Cruiser Proceeding to Investigate.

Japanese Investigation.

Peking, Yesterday.

A Japanese cruiser and a destroyer have left for Tengchow to investigate the attack on the s.s. "Kaiko Maru" which was shelled as well as fired on by rifles.—Reuter.

Some Damage.

The Japanese steamer "Kaiko Maru" was shelled from shore at Tengchow on Sept. 1. There was some damage but no casualties.

General Chang Tsung-chang's transport, the s.s. "Matsuwa Maru," has returned from Jungkow, in Shantung province, to Chinwangtung with troops and munitions on board.

Manchurian troops hitherto in positions behind the Northerners' encampment have moved on a large scale to the front and are driving Chiangkuangtung to the rear of the Great Wall. These troop movements con-

FELSTEAD OUT OF ST. LEGER.**GONE LAME?****SIR HUGO CUNLIFFE OWEN'S DERBY WINNER.****LOCAL PRICES.**

London, Yesterday. Sir Hugo Cunliffe Owen's colt Felstead, which won the Derby this year has been scratched from the St. Leger, the last of the Classic races. For the past two or three weeks the horse has been under suspicion on account of lameness.—British Wireless Service.

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FINE HERE.**Typhoon Moving on Amoy.**

West or variable winds, moderate, fine to cloudy, is the forecast until noon to-morrow.

Pressure is high to the north east of Japan and low over south-west Manchuria.

The typhoon is about 150 miles east-south-east of Koshun, moving towards S. Formosa and Amoy.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at 9:00 a.m. to-day:

Manila 4th, 4:15 p.m. Typhoon in about 125 deg. E. and 21 deg. Lat. N. moving N.W.

[This places the typhoon off the Santo Domingo Islands, heading for the coast between Amoy and Foochow.]

RHINELAND.**NEGOTIATIONS EXPECTED BETWEEN GERMANY & FRANCE.****NOTHING YET FIXED.**

Geneva, Yesterday. Nothing has yet been fixed as regards the opening of negotiations between M. Briand and the German Chancellor, Herr Mueller, concerning the complete evacuation of the Rhineland, which Germany requested a month ago. The meeting, however, will not be long delayed. Herr Mueller is expected to make the first move.

The German delegates consider that the time is now ripe for settlement, especially after the conclusion of the Locarno agreements, the smooth operation of the Dawes plan and the signature of the Kellogg Pact.—Reuter.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST IN TUMEN VALLEY.**WORST FOR MANY YEARS.**

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Governor of North-East Korea reports the worst floods for many years in the Tumen Valley, which have resulted in heavy destruction and loss of life.

[Note: The Japanese merchant vessel was struck during fighting between Northerners who had surrendered to the Nationalists and their former colleagues.]

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SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN'S POSITION.**RUMOURS!****MAY NOT RETURN TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE.****OFFICIAL DENIAL.**

London, Yesterday. It is officially stated that there is no truth in the rumours as to the probable resignation of Sir Austen Chamberlain, and it is de-

BORODIN ARRESTED?**Chinese Action in Harbin.**

Reports from Harbin are to the effect that Comrade Borodin, the once very influential leader of the Chinese Nationalist movement when it was limited to South China, and who is believed to be responsible for the present Mongolian invasion of North Manchuria, has been arrested at the Hotel Moderne, 177 Kitakaisa-street, Harbin, by the Chinese Occupation Commission, Gen. Ting Chao.

The vessel cost roughly \$200,000.

At full speed she steams 25 knots, which makes her one of the world's fastest passenger ships.—British Wireless Service.

clared that there is every prospect of him returning to the Foreign Office in restored health.

Unofficial political opinion, however, is convinced that Sir Austen has too long delayed the rest he needed and is discussing the possibility of Mr. Baldwin being obliged to seek a new Foreign Secretary.—Reuter.

THE PEACE PACT.**EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO INVITATION.****MR. KELLOGG SAILS.**

Cairo, Yesterday.

The Egyptian Government, in its reply, accepts the American invitation to adhere to the Kellogg Pact, but, according to the newspapers, it is made clear that this does not mean acceptance of the reservations made by any Power.

For New York.

Cherbourg, Yesterday. Mr. Kellogg left for New York aboard the s.s. "Leviathan" on which also was the airman, Mr. Charles Levine, who is also a passenger.

More Adherents.

Washington, Yesterday. The Governments of Egypt, Abyssinia, Portugal, Sweden and Venezuela have informed the United States Government to-day that they intend to adhere to the Kellogg Pact.—Reuter's American Service.

Sofia, Yesterday.

The Government has decided to adhere to the Kellogg Pact.—Reuter.

uncertain. They will decide their ultimate course according to weather conditions when they reach the Azores. If the weather is bad they may possibly make for Dakar.

Hotel Keeper's Son.

Le Bourget, Yesterday.

There was much speculation as to the identity of a figure, clad in a sweater, and furtively peeping out of a cabin window of the aeroplane in which Assolant and Lefevre started on their Trans-Atlantic journey. It proved to be Armand Lotti, the son of a hotel proprietor, who had forbidden his son to join the flight, which is considered as tantamount to suicide. But Armand eluded the crowd, including a private detective, and boarded the plane at night time.

All three belong to the State Francoise.

This is the first time that any Sports Club has been represented in such an adventure.

The aeroplane took off amid shouts from the clubmates of "Bravo State."

Casablanca, Yesterday. Assolant and Lefevre have landed owing to a leakage of the fuel.—Reuter.

CORRUPTION CASE.

Capt. A. W. Dixon, well known in local shipping circles, died in Vancouver, Canada, on Aug. 28. He was 60 years old.

[Note: Capt. Dixon was a member of the Canadian Merchant Marine Association, and was a member of the Canadian Bar Association.]

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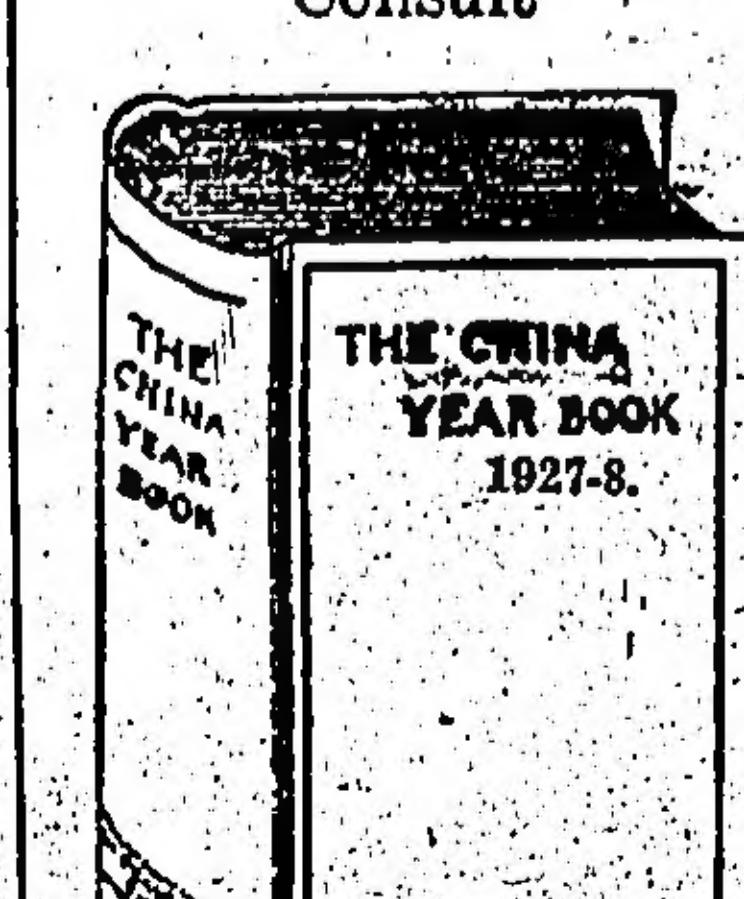
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		Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 182, Between Kowloon Island and New Kai Tak Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong.	As per sale plan.	1,900	12	125

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction ON THURSDAY, 6th September, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—

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LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 3rd Sept., 1928.

NOTICES.

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB.

A DANCE will be held on the Tennis Courts, on FRIDAY, 7th September, commencing at 8 p.m. Tickets \$1.50, Ladies by Courtesy. Orchestra. Refreshments.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS Sept. 10th. Examination for New Students, SATURDAY, Sept. 8th at 9 a.m. For prospectus, for boarders and day boys, apply

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Entries will CLOSE at 12 o'clock noon on SATURDAY, 22nd September, 1928.

Hong Kong, 31st Aug. 1928.

HONG KONG AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

MIDWEEK MINOR LEAGUE.

CLUBS in membership are advised that in place of the Junior "B" Division of the League it has been decided to run a Midweek Minor League to be played on WEDNESDAYS. The Rules for this League will be the same as for the others with the exception that no player who plays in Saturday games will be eligible to play in this Division. Entrance fee \$20 to accompany the application. Entries will close on the 12th.

W. E. HOLLANDS, Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th Sept., 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. W. J. Hill to sell by Public Auction

ON

FRIDAY, 7th September, 1928, commencing at 5.15 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

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Hong Kong, 3rd Sept., 1928.

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ON

SATURDAY, 8th September, 1928, commencing at 10 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

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ON HUMBER.

THE LOCAL SHIPLROKERS ASSOCIATION.

A YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

The tenth annual report of the Humber District Association of Chartered Shipbrokers states that a close watch has been kept by the council upon matters relating to the well-being of the shipbroking profession, and careful attention has been given from time to time upon subjects dealing with the Humber ports and shipping generally. There has, as usual, been close collaboration with the Chamber of Shipping and other bodies, and members of the council are closely associated with the Joint Dock Standing and other committees connected with the Chamber of Shipping, and useful service has been rendered in these directions. There has also been co-operation with the dock authorities, Humber Timber Trades Federation, the coal exporters, and other bodies upon various matters.

Very special attention has been given to the provision of further facilities in connection with the timber discharge at Hull, and this matter is still engaging close attention. Progress is slow, but the council hopes that ultimately good results will accrue. In this connection the association has closely co-operated with the Chamber of Shipping and Humber Timber Trades Federation in their joint efforts to prevail upon the dock authorities to do something tangible in the provision of additional facilities, etc.

The position with regard to the coal export trade is well known to members, the export from the Humber having fallen to a low ebb. It is to be earnestly hoped that the coal marketing scheme, which was inaugurated a few months ago, will help towards a restoration of this important trade.

Port Congestion.

There has been unavoidable fluctuation in the membership owing to death, removals of members to other districts, and other causes, but the total membership stands at 125, as against 129 for the previous year, which under the existing circumstances is satisfactory. Reference to the balance sheet shows that on December 31, 1927, the balance in hand is £743.

In further reference to timber congestion at the port, it is stated that at the present moment negotiations are proceeding between the Hull Corporation and the London and North-Eastern Railway Company with regard to the possible utilisation of the Western Reservation. It is felt that if something could be done in this direction, it would probably go a long way toward relieving congestion during the busy import season, and it is to be hoped that some good will accrue as a result of these negotiations.

Pressure has been brought upon the dock authorities by the shipping interests with a view to obtaining the provision of more space accommodation and extension of facilities in the King George Dock.

Fire Risks.

A scheme has been promulgated with a view to the prevention of smoking on the docks in order to minimise the risks of fire.

Several conferences were held with the shipping authorities and tug-owners, at which the association was represented, with a view to obtaining reductions in the tariff.

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Osaka & Moji	HOSANG	Wed. 21st Sept. at 7 a.m.
Canton	CHIPSANG	Thurs. 22nd Sept. at 7 a.m.
Canton	CHIPIHUNG	Sun. 25th Sept. at 2 p.m.
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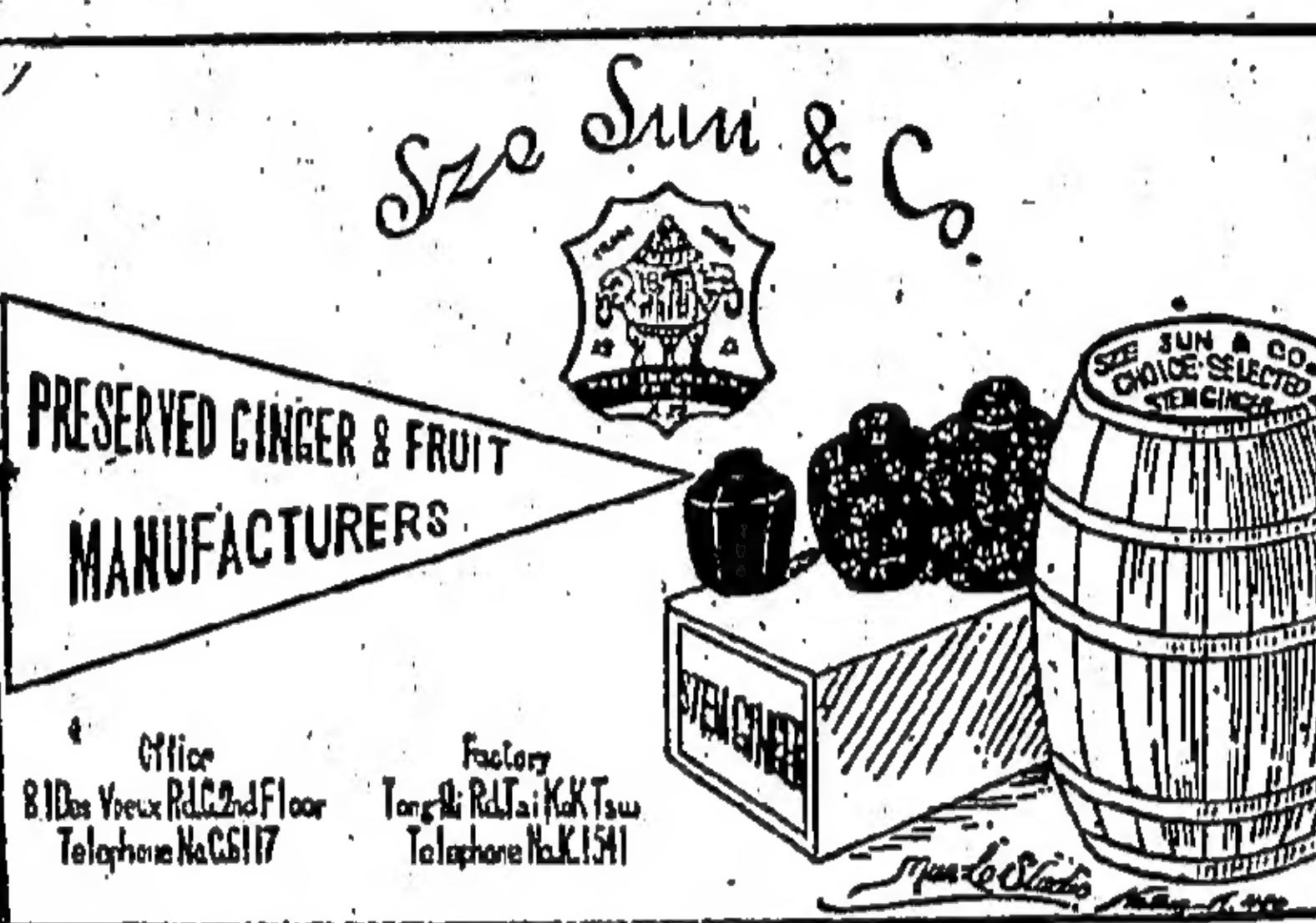
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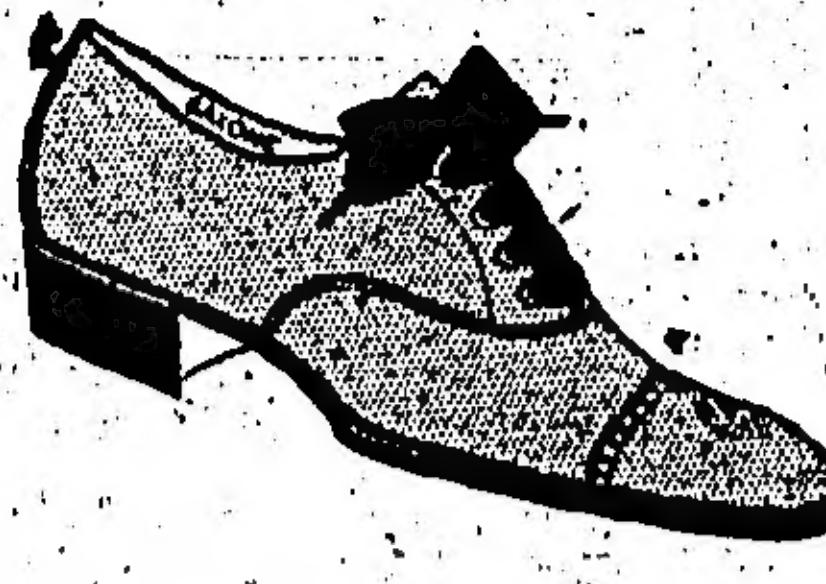
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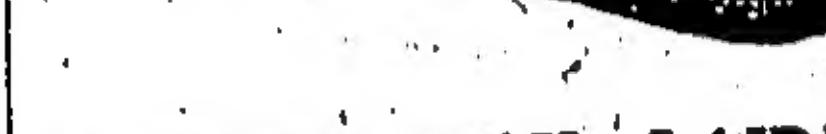


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MOSCOW'S RENEWED
ACTIVITIES.

There is plenty of evidence accumulating that of late there has been increased activity on the part of the Moscow propagandists of their fantastic doctrine of Bolshevism, by which, perhaps it is as well to recall, all are to be equal, all are to have the same opportunities in everything; and in which there is to be no property, everything is to belong to the State, not for the use of any class or for anybody in particular—just for all. The craziness of this fanciful creed is the only interesting thing about it, except that there must be a certain amount of interest due to those who are benighted enough not only to accept such an absurd doctrine but to devote considerable amount of their energy and wealth in its propagation. Only a nation such as the Russians would regard it seriously, for they, unfortunately, were and still largely are a nation that is by no means in the front. And it is by such as they that we, forsooth, are asked to be guided in so serious a matter as our political and economic welfare. There will, of course, always be in any country a large number of thoughtless, improvident and hopelessly unbalanced people ready to listen to such fanciful nonsense as that which emanates from the Bolsheviks.

Several news items to hand show clearly that the Moscow Soviet is as active as ever, even more active it would appear, because of the many set-backs that have been meted out to them wherever they have dared to act too openly. In England we found that we had been tolerant too long

surplus gold? There is plenty of propaganda of the right sort needed throughout the length and breadth of Russia. If the Moscow Soviet were not so persistent they might safely be ignored; but such persistence must be rigorously dealt with, and the sooner the better for the world generally will it be when this is more clearly realised than it appears to be at present. The Russians, under the Soviet, are a much-misguided people, a people new to liberty and prone, in consequence, to abuse their privileges. They are confounding liberty with licence and instead of building upon moral foundations and with a regard for the rights of all classes, they are seeking to raise the so-called working class at the expense of all others. The flagrant injustice of this may dawn upon the Soviet some day, but meantime they seem a long way from that reasonable state of mind.

Work for Police Reservists.

We commend to the notice of our readers the announcement issued yesterday by the Captain Superintendent of Police regarding the employment of members of the Police Reserve in the event of a casual disturbance or state of emergency. This action, in our opinion, was the result of a happy thought and should do much to keep the Reservists as a whole from growing "rusty." As it is there is nothing for them to do. Squad drill, rifle and revolver practices and instructional patrols become wearisome after a while, particularly during the hot weather and interest in the movement is apt, in consequence, to lapse. Now, however, the Reservist knows that there are occasions—happily few and far between—when he may serve towards a useful and definite end, and so will his enthusiasm be maintained.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. F. A. V. Ribeiro, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and Mrs. E. M. H. Britto, of No. 5, Cambay-building, Kowloon.

A fine of \$5 was imposed this morning on the master of a cargo boat for mooring his boat outside five others alongside the s.s. "Nam Sang" on August 25.

A fire broke out in Taiping-street, Tai-O village at 8.45 p.m. yesterday, resulting in two matsheds being gutted and two others damaged by the flames. The total damage suffered was \$330.

Mr. A. R. Forbes, one of the oldest members of the Victoria Recreation Club, left the Colony to-day by the "Empress of Asia" for Manila, to take up the position of assistant superintendent of a sugar refinery at Victorias, Negros Island. Mr. Forbes came to Hong Kong in 1888 and then went home, returning in 1910 to join the China Sugar Refining Co. working at the refinery was closed a few months ago.

At about 8.30 this morning a thief broke the show window of a Japanese jewellery shop at No. 18, Praya East and stole six gold rings worth \$240. The proprietor, named Modono, who was sleeping in the shop, was awakened by the noise of breaking glass and immediately rushed out. He succeeded in seizing the thief, but was forced to release him when the latter cut him in the arm with some sharp instrument. The thief escaped.

At the Marine Court this morning, there were no fewer than six hotel runners before Commander J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., on a charge of boarding the s.s. "Empress of Asia" without permission on September 4. The defendants pleaded "guilty." Mr. C. A. Stirling, prosecuting, told the Court that barge had frequently been lost and the officers have frequently warned these men not to come aboard. The defendants were each fined \$25 or in default one month's hard labour.

Twenty-eight former employees of the Ming Yuen Gardens, North Point, which was recently closed down, this morning summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindseth, a Chinese named Leung Sik-pun, who was described as a director of the Gardens. The complainants claimed wages totalling \$705.20. Mr. J. J. d'Almada Remedios, for the defence, denied that Leung was a director of the Gardens, and in support of his claim said that he had been to the Registrar's Office to examine the list of Directors, and Leung's name did not appear in the list. The case was adjourned for 12.30 p.m. next Monday.

TRADE UNIONS.

PURGING THE "RED" ELEMENT FROM THEIR MIDST.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

London, Yesterday.

The problem of excluding the "Reds" is attracting all the other workers and is being keenly debated by the Trade Union Congress at Swansea, who have adopted a resolution instructing the Council to take steps to purify the movement of the Communist element and launch a campaign to organise the lower workers into unions at a lower rate of contribution to form a committee to consider the reduction of the number of Trade Unions and to increase the number of trade unionists.—Reuters.

UNEMPLOYED.

INCREASED FIGURES IN ENGLAND.

London, Yesterday.

After showing a slight decrease in the last weekly return, unemployment is again on the increase. To-day's return gives the number of workless as 1,320,000, which is 11,840 more than a week before and 270,739 more than a year ago.—British Wireless Service.

SET OF RASCALS."

SEVERELY SENTENCED AT KOWLOON COURT.

The boys have been brought to the station, and I have on more than one occasion thrashed them with the consent of their parents.

Thus said Sub-Inspector James when addressing Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with regard to three Chinese boys who stood in the dock on a charge of larceny. The fourth lad, aged 17 years, appeared on a charge of receiving stolen property.

The alleged theft took place at the St. Mary's School, Chatham-road, Kowloon. Evidently arranged beforehand, two of the lads gained admittance into the school by the kitchen window, while one of them stood guard outside. They stole a clock.

The bigger lad charged with receiving the clock, said that he had bought it from the third defendant for 40 cents.

His Worship expressed surprise at the price said, as the clock was valued at \$7.50. The defendant then answered that the clock was out of order.

Sub-Inspector James said that the lads were a set of rascals. Many a time he had given the three smaller lads a thrashing with the permission of their parents. One of them had already a previous conviction for larceny. He asked the magistrate to take a serious view of the case.

The youth of 17 was sentenced to 8 months' hard labour, the first and second of the smaller lads were ordered to have 12 strokes of the birch, and if unfit, 6 weeks' hard labour, while the third defendant, who was the youngest, was sentenced to 6 strokes or 3 weeks' imprisonment.

A "VIOLENT PERSON."

A young Russian named Izak Abramovich Ekman, who was yesterday remanded by Major C. Willson, O.B.E., on a charge of vagrancy, was again before the Court this morning.

Sub-Inspector Elston told the Magistrate that Ekman had strange political views and was a very violent person. In the circumstances, the police did not consider it advisable to commit him to the House of Detention.

In any case, the Inspector added, the police have an expulsion order against Ekman, as under this order, the police had power to detain him pending arrangements to send him out of the Colony, the Magistrate was asked to discharge Ekman on the charge of vagrancy.

His Worship, in granting the police application, explained to Ekman that he would be deported from Hong Kong.

The Russian Cultural Association recently sent to the Soviet Embassy, Tokyo, about 10,000 books on politics, economics, medicine, art, etc., for the reconstitution of the libraries in Tokyo, which suffered in the Kwanto earthquake. It is understood that 6,718 of the books will be contributed to the Tokyo Imperial University, 1,093 to Waseda, 99 to the Tokyo School of Foreign Languages in memory of the late Mr. Futabata Shime, who first introduced Russian literature to Japan, and 100 others relating to art to the Academy of Art at Ueno.

There must be a considerable danger, says the "Japan Chronicle," of some "thought" or "even an idea" finding its way among all these volumes.

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3. When was the Suez Canal opened?
4. Who was the instigator of the Hong Kong University?
5. When was Mr. Wei Yuk created a knight?
6. When was the Post Office transferred to the local government?

TEASERS.

Answer The "China Mail" Questions.

TO-DAY'S POSERS.

From day to day a series of half a dozen questions, not tremendously difficult to answer but not always so simply solved as may be thought, appear on this page. These, as in the past, are compiled by the "China Mail" staff and include from time to time questions of local interest. Answers are given on Page seven.

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4. Who was the instigator of the Hong Kong University?

5. When was Mr. Wei Yuk created a knight?

6. When was the Post Office transferred to the local government?

Judge: "Have you ever been in trouble before?"

Prisoner: "Well, I—or—kept a rifle book too long once, and was fined three pence."

"Oh!" she said, "the way you behave is enough to make an angel weep."

"I don't see you shedding any tears," he retorted, and saved the day.

Smart: "For thrifty Scotsmen, I think McLaren takes the bun."

Bright: "Why, what's the latest about him?"

Smart: "Well, a pal of his sent him a pair of spats for a birthday present, and he sent them to the cobblers to be soled and heeled."

"How do you do, my dear?" said the dignified old lady to the shy little girl.

"Quite well, thank you," replied the child politely.

There was a pause, then—"Why don't you ask me how I am?" asked the lady.

"Because I don't want to know," was the reply.

The brewers of a new ale, in order that the brand might become popular, advertised that one free drink would be given to each person who applied for it between specified hours at a certain bar. A Scotswoman, hearing about this free treat, gathered a dozen friends, to whom she owed numerous drinks, and leading the crowd into the bar announced loudly: "Now, boys, you'll all have this one with me."

There had been a terrific struggle in front of goal, and it appeared that the ball had crossed the line.

The nervous little referee gave a faint toot with his whistle, and murmured, "Goal."

Instantly he was surrounded by a group of protesting defenders.

"Did you say, 'Goal?'" bellowed a huge back, as he flourished a ham-like fist.

"Certainly not," stammered the referee, "I said 'Goal.' Some one has just struck me with a piece."

"How was the scenery on your trip?"

"It ran largely to tooth-paste and smoking tobacco."

"Bus Driver (to driver of growler): "Nah, then! Look where you're coming to with that old rabbit 'utch!"

Irreverent Fare: "Curb your rude tongue, my man!"

"Bus Driver: "Ulio, bunny, are you there too?"

Said a fond mother to another woman as they gazed at their respective children playing cricket in a meadow beyond their gardens:

"Yus, evry Saturday when 'e was playin' football 'e wore 'is father's pyjama jacket, an' now 'e's umpire if 'e ain't gone an' sneaked off with the lodger's nightshirt!"

The Servant: (In a registry office): "How many are there in your family?"

The Lady: "Three."

Servant: "What are the wages?"

The Servant: "And whereabouts do you live?"

Lady (sarcastically): "Oh, don't bother about that; we'll move anywhere you wish."

A doctor said to a patient: "If this doesn't cure you, come back, and I'll give you something that will."

Patient: "Couldn't you give it to me now, doctor?"

"SQUEAMISH AGE."**LORD BIRKENHEAD'S BITTER TONGUE.****A SWASHBUCKLER.**

This is a dimly squeamish age, in which the art of manly invective and masculine vituperation has been emasculated by mealy-mouthed courtesy and cowardly urbanity. Our public life is drab and dull because we are afraid to give and take the hard blows that shatter apathy and demolish indifference. Therefore I scornfully decline to swell the chorus of Heeps and Pecksniffs who groan over the polished truculence of Lord Birkenhead," writes James Douglas in the "Sunday Express." The truth is that we all secretly gloat over his flouts and gibes and jeers.

They rend the leaden sky like forked lightning. Even the quivering victims who are struck by them benefit by the rude shock.

It is good to be electrocuted now and then, and Lord Birkenhead is the most deadly electrocutionist in politics or out of it. He is like a live rail on which it is dangerous to tread. The faintest provocation taps his highest voltage.

"SLUM PUBS."

The House of Lords recently was somnolently listening to a dreary debate on the Liquor (Disinterested Ownership and Management) Bill. Lord Buckmaster innocently quoted an allusion by Lord Balfour of Burleigh to "slum pubs." "Slum what?" cried Lord Birkenhead. "Slum pubs," requested Lord Buckmaster.

"What is a 'pub'?" blandly inquired Lord Birkenhead. Lord Buckmaster retorted, "Oh, well, if the noble earl does not know what a 'pub' is, he can hardly expect me to instruct him."

Whereupon Lord Birkenhead rebuked him for inviting the Lord to "descend to the nomenclature of the gutter," and advised him not to "borrow from the ebullitions of younger peers which add little to the dignity of this House."

He then poured a flood of daringly irrelevant irony on Lord Buckmaster's "personal perambulations" and "promenades" in the vicinity of "slum pubs," and maliciously suggested that, after-all, they could "only be an episode in his life."

I like Birkenheadese. It revives my jaded interest in party politicking. Hard words break no bones, and they dissipate the lethargy of the electorate. They shock us into at least momentary attention.

INSOLENCE AND INSULT.

I am all for a revival of political insolence and insult. In the grand old days of the Grand Old Man, Disraeli excoriated Gladstone as a "sophisticated rhetorician intoxicated with the exuberance of his own verbosity."

To go further back, Daniel O'Connell derided "Dizzy" as "the lineal descendant of the impudent thief." And not so long ago Mr. Healy earned the sobriquet of "Tiger Tim" by the venom of his terrible tongue.

Lord Birkenhead almost alone preserves the good old English tradition of verbal swashbuckling, though now and then Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Churchill vie with him in the noble art of polemical pugilism or what used to be known as Limehousing.

I wish Lord Birkenhead could be provided with foes worthy of his steel. It is not fair to throw upon him the whole burden of diverting the gaze of the new voters from Wimbledon tennis and greyhound racing to the graver issues of our national life. Goliath needs a David to attract a gnat. Perhaps our only David will come to his aid.

Lord Birkenhead should not be driven to use the bludgeon on placable men of straw like Lord Arnold, who, he declared in the House of Lords, had never produced evidence that he was capable of making ten dollars in Wall-street. This blow below the belt maddened the elephantine Lord Haldane into cumbrously comparing Lord Birkenhead to "one of those strange animals at the Zoo which are obviously out of their natural element on the bench on which they sit."

On another occasion Lord Birkenhead (then out of office) lashed Lord Salisbury and Lord Selborne with contemptuous sarcasm. "I will not say that they were the twin brothers of the movement (for reforming the House of Lords). They were the Dolly-Sisters."

When Lord Birkenhead (then Mr. F. E. Smith) was contesting the Southport Division, he thus described his opponent:

I have seen a photograph of Mr. Woodcock, and I have never seen anything like it in my life. I think he should have found a place in a menagerie in Nantico, which will be opened this month, for the training of opera-cocks with a flea if I had one.

This is not perhaps "the nomenclature of the gutter," but it is the son of full-blooded invective that would be understood even in those "slum pubs" of which the noble earl has happily never heard. It brings dry-as-dust dialectics home to the business and the bosom of the man in the street and the woman in the street.

REAL AND SHAM FIGHTS.

After all, we are a nation of sportsmen and sportswomen. We delight in many varieties of blood sports, from fox hunting and stag hunting down to otter hunting and coursing.

We glory in the fierce rivalry of the ring. Some of us furtively indulge in the illegal pastime of cock fighting with bantams armed with steel spurs.

If our men of light and leading desire to overcome the bored indifference of our unwieldy electorate they must stage real fights instead of sham fights. They must emulate the lusty arrogance and robust effrontery of Lord Birkenhead. They must wear a front of brass, and employ a tongue of poison.

I know many intellectuals who envy his monopoly of the limelight. They grieve over their inability to furnish "Low" with material for his cruel caricatures. They sigh for the nimbus he weaves daily round "Lord Burleigh" and "Jix" and Mr. Baldwin.

But they lack the courage to make themselves caricaturable. They are wanting in the wit to invent a trademark like the Baldwin briar or the Birkenhead cigar or the Winston hattery or the Chamberlain monocle or the Georgian eyebrow.

In short, they do not possess either first-class brains or first-class cheek. I admire Lord Birkenhead's unmeasured contempt for his adversaries. But I deplore his undisputed sovereignty in savage satire and lethal sword play.

There is a danger that his offensive powers may languish through paucity of practice. He may, like many old champions, grow fat and inefficient, though I am sure he will never fall so low as to become, like them, the landlord of a "slum pub," a pensioner on bibulous idolatry.

And let those who decry his displays of slogging on the ground that they are not dignified face the astounding fact that he is a master of dignity as well as indignity. Let them ponder over the versatility of the virtuoso who can pass, from the depths of Billingsgate to the heights of grave eloquence and subtle argument, delighting the lowbrow, the middlebrow, and the highbrow with equal facility.

He may be Satanic. He may be diabolical. He may be brutal. But at least he imports into the dreary and dusty wastes of controversy the ferocity of the tiger and the voracity of the vulture.

He may be ferine, but he provides dangerous sport for the bold big-game hunter who is willing to face his tearing teeth or his charging tusks in the jungle of politics.

ELECTRIC FISH.**WHAT DOES IT EAT? A MYSTERY.**

Plymouth.—A torpedo that was hauled out of the bay here by Dr. E. J. Allen, the director of the Marine Biological Association's Institute, is now being carefully tended in the Aquarium on the Hoe.

It is not the death-dealing high explosive weapon used by warships. It is an enormous, flat fish resembling a skate or ray. Its peculiarity is that it gives off electric shocks from its black back.

This fish is a rare capture in English waters. Dr. Allen does not remember one having been caught here for more than 20 years.

The torpedo has been placed in a glass tank with a number of other fish. But tasty crabs, succulent worms, and choice bits from the sea bed have failed to make it eat. The torpedo has been on hunger strike ever since it was caught. It has a body 2 ft. 6 in. long by 2 ft. 6 in. across and a long tail.

"We may learn a great deal from this torpedo," said Dr. Allen, "providing we can keep it alive by making it eat." The torpedo may use its electric shocks as a means of stunning its prey or as a means of defence. We do not know what it eats."

For mooring their boats at less than 100 yards from the low water mark between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. on September 8, the master and mistress of two cargo boats were each fined \$10 this morning.

The Shanghai and Woosung Bureau of Reconstruction is establishing a wireless station in Nantico, which will be opened this month, for the training of opera-cocks with a flea if I had one.

WORLD GYMNASTS.**COLOGNE'S OVER-BURGOMASTER'S APPEAL.****GERMANY'S "BONDAGE."**

Cologne, July 24.

Cologne is in gala robes such as it has not worn since pre-war days on the occasion of royal visits. But to-day the decorations, although most extensive in the centre of the city, are general. Every suburb is gay with red and white bunting (the city colours) and with flags as a welcome to 200,000 athletes who are assembling here for the 14th German Athletic Meeting (Deutsche Turnfest), writes a correspondent to the "Manchester Guardian."

Not only from all parts of Germany, but from all parts of the world, gymnasts of German nationality are concentrating on Cologne, and by to-morrow the majority of the 200,000 will have arrived. The majority will sleep in mass quarters—schools, public halls, etc., but the older athletes and some others are billeted upon the inhabitants, as in war days.

Last night about 1,000 of the German-American contingent (they will muster 3,000 in all) were given a civic reception at the beautiful old Guerzenich. In his speech of welcome the Over-Burgomaster said: "You are good citizens of your country, but your hearts are in the land of your birth. We remember how during the war you helped us as far as you could. The donations that you made to our shattered and half-starved country were valuable, but more valuable still were the loving thoughts that resulted in that generosity. During the period of the Turnfest you will have an opportunity of seeing us as we are, and I hope that you will take back with you the impression that the strength and will of Germany has not been and cannot be broken."

"But," added the Over-Burgomaster, "I ask you to keep your eyes open during your stay in Germany and during your tour through Europe, and not to judge only by what you see during the festival week. Germany has a very bad period behind it, but her trials are not yet over. She still carries heavy burdens enforced upon her, and suffers completely unarmed in the midst of a Europe bristling with weapons.

I ask you, particularly you who are from the United States of America, to remember that Germany is not released yet. I believe that the duty of restoring peace to Europe has fallen upon your country. If you fulfil this duty, then America will stand high in the history of mankind, but if you fail in this, which none of us expect, then you, the only people that have emerged from world war unweakened, will have created an enormous responsibility for yourselves during the next century." This speech of Dr. Adenauer's was punctuated by loud applause from time to time.

The culminating point in the festival takes place next Sunday, when the 200,000 march in procession to the great Stadium here. From to-morrow onwards contests in all branches of athletics will take place, and the winners will receive their prizes after the triumphal march on Sunday next.

CARLYLE MS.**U.S. BOOKSELLER TO PRESENT IT TO BRITISH MUSEUM.**

Mr. Gabriel Wells, the New York bookseller, is presenting one of the only two complete Carlyle manuscripts in existence to the British Museum.

Sotheby's chief room in Bond-street was uncomfortably filled when the two manuscripts were offered in one lot. One was the first draft of "Past and Present," and the other the manuscript

of "Quaritch wants it for the British Museum," said Mr. Wells to a "Daily Mail" representative, "and I shall not bid against him for £500."

Three hundred pounds was the first offer, and in two minutes \$2,000 was reached.

"Two thousand one hundred" said the auctioneer in response to a bid from Mr. Sawyer.

"Two thousand two hundred," replied Mr. Wells, and the hammer fell.

"Well, I will give one to the museum," said the victor. "It is open to them to select which one they require."

First prizes for gardens on the District Railway were awarded to Collector Bishop, Ealing Broadway Station, W. and Inspector Stevenson, Ealing Common.

The 2nd Highland Light Infantry has been presented with new colours by Field-Marshal Sir W. R. Birdwood, Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army.

TEASERS.**Answers to To-day's Questions.**

- January 1, 1861.
- Eight months during 1884 and 1885.
- 1869.
- Mr. H. N. Mody.
- 1919 New Year honours.
- May, 1860.

SHADOWS BEFORE.**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."**

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Stop That Man."

To-day—World Theatre; "Butterflies in the Rain."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Lady Windermere's Fan."

September 6—Queen's Theatre; "Titanic."

September 6—Star Theatre; "Irish Hearts."

September 6—World Theatre; "A Woman of Paris."

September 7—Dance at Kowloon Football Club, on Tennis Courts, 9 p.m.

September 9—Queen's Theatre; "Hot Heels."

September 9—World Theatre; "The Light Of Asia."

September 9—Star Theatre; "Little Annie Rooney."

September 21—Promenade Concert at Volunteer parade ground, 9.15 p.m.

Land Sales.

September 10—At P.W.D. offices, 3 lots of Crown land at Mong Kok Tsui, and Shamshui-poo, 8 p.m.

Laminate Auctions.

September 6—At Sales Room, valuable household furniture, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

September 7—At Sales Room, valuable collection of Stamps, 5.15 p.m.

September 8—At Sales Room, British and American Made Ladies' shoes, silk shawls, silk stockings, hats, etc., etc., 10 a.m.

September 8—At Sales Room, one "Flat" 4-seater Motor Car, noon.

September 8—At "Woodside," Mt. Parker-road, Quarry Bay, valuable household furniture, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

September 6—Annual meeting of Mid-levels' Residents' Assn. at Ladies' Recreation Club, Peak-rd., 6 p.m.

September 7—First monthly meeting of Hong Kong Football Referees' Assn. at the Chaplin's Hut, Scandal Pt., 6 p.m.

September 12—H.K.V.C. (Scottish Co.) meeting at Headquarters, 6 p.m.

September 13—Seaplane Club meeting for local enthusiasts, in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's board room, 5.30 p.m.

Sports.

September 6—Hockey match: H.K.V.C. v. H.K.S.R.A. Marina Ground, Kowloon, 6.30 p.m.

Sept. 6, 7—Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament: H.K.V.C. v. 31st Battery R.A., 6 p.m.

September 22—American tournament, Ladies' Recreation Club, Peak-road, at 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

September 6—Grand Totoo Rehearsal, City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

September 14—H.K.V.C. (Machine Gun Co.) dinner at Headquarters, 7.45 p.m.

September 10—Re-opening of St. Stephen's College.

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MOTOR CAR CLAIM.

The Summary Court case in which Mr. Wong Man-tat of No. 35, Eastern Street, sued Mr. Lo Yin of the compradore department, Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., for \$1,000 in connection with the alleged "conversion" of an Overland Whippet over £500 was withdrawn.

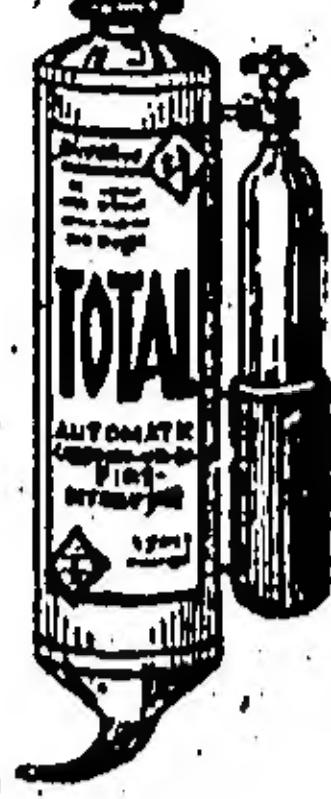
After plaintiff had completed his evidence, the Puisane Judge (Mr. Justice P. J. Judge) did not call on the defendant with costs on the claim, but ordered defendant to pay plaintiff's costs, excluding costs of the hearing. Defendant's counter-claim of \$500 was withdrawn.

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CAUSEWAY BAY.

OFFICIAL VIEWS ON CLAM
DIGGING.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

That clam-digging at low tide on the mud of Causeway Bay is not illegal was stated by the Chairman at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. It was added, however, that no evidence can be obtained of such shells being sold in the markets. The offensive smells of the locality are considered undesirable and indicative of atmospheric pollution.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. J. P. Braga had asked a series of questions. The replies were given by Mr. W. J. Carrie (President of the Board). These were as follows:

Question.—Are periodical inspections made by any officer of the Sanitary Department of the condition of Causeway Bay typhoon shelter at low tide? If such inspections have been carried out, will the President report to the Board the results thereof?

Reply.—The answer to the first question is in the negative and the second question does not therefore arise.

Question.—Is the President aware that at certain states of the tide the offensive emanations from the silted condition of the shelter are a source of considerable annoyance to residents in the vicinity of Causeway Bay?

Reply.—No complaints have been received by this Department.

Dangerous to Health.

Question.—Will the Medical Officer of Health state whether the accumulation of noxious silt within the shelter constitutes any present or potential danger to the health of the residents referred to?

Reply.—Medical opinion does not consider that offensive smells, as such, can cause disease. Such smells are, however, an indication of atmospheric pollution with gases which in concentrated form are dangerous to health. It is improbable that the amount of such gases in the atmosphere in the area in question is such as to cause a danger to health. It is, however, undesirable.

Like Raw Oysters.

Question.—Has it been brought to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health that, at low tide, a number of women and children dig for clams in the polluted ground, and will the President state what is the destination of these edibles dug up from ground obviously contaminated with sewage discharge?

Reply.—The Medical Officer of Health has seen the practice take place here and elsewhere on the foreshores of the Colony. The practice is not illegal. It is believed that these shell-fish are consumed chiefly by those who catch them or are used as bait by fishermen.

Question.—If the clams are sold in the markets or otherwise find their way for human consumption, is the health of those partaking of this food in any way endangered?

Reply.—No evidence can be obtained that these shell-fish are exposed for sale in the public markets of the Colony. It is improbable that there is any danger in the eating of them—if they are thoroughly cooked. If on the other hand, they are eaten raw, they will no doubt be as dangerous as raw oysters from a polluted source, which, as is well known, have been the source of many epidemics of enteric fever.

Typhoon Shelter.

Question.—Has the Government any intention of dredging Causeway Bay if not, why not?

Reply.—This question has been referred to the Public Works Department and the Director reports as follows:—The silting up at the nullah outlets in Causeway Bay typhoon shelter, with what is principally sand will as usual be cleared as soon as the Government Grab Dredger is available for this work. It is not considered, however, that the existing shallow depths prejudice the usefulness of the shelter for small craft during typhoon weather. Provision for additional dredging plant has been made in the Estimates for 1928 and arrangements for obtaining it are in



WALKING THE BEARS.

Master "Kawin" and Miss "Nchin", photographed near the Windsor Station in Montreal with their mistress Mrs. E. Roncarini, who is having them sent to Italy for presentation to Marquis de Pinedo, the famous Italian round-the-world flier. The "Kawin" "No Good" combination "Kawin" meaning "No" in Indian dialect and "Nchin" the latter is the lady bear cub with a sunny disposition and the former a young gentleman with a rather bad

temper at times. They were obtained by the General Tourist Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway from Fred Arnott who captured them in the Lake Temiskaming district. The two bear cubs are being sent over to Italy, where they will be met by de Pinedo in his plane, and flown to their new home.

CHINESE "DAIRY."

SANITARY BOARD VIEWS ON
LICENSING.

CLEANLINESS ESSENTIAL.

After discussion, permission was given yesterday at the meeting of the Sanitary Board, to register a Chinese dairy at No. 58, Percival street, ground floor.

Those present were Mr. W. J. Carrie (Head of the Sanitary Department, President), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Mr. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Colonel J. S. Bostock, C.B.E., R.A.M.C. (Senior Medical Officer, South China Command), Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D., Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. Wong Kyong-in, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. J. Watson.

Official replies to the questions asked by Mr. J. P. Braga were delivered by Mr. W. J. Carrie (Head of the Sanitary Department) at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, as follows:

Question.—In view of an outbreak of rinderpest in the neighbourhood of the Colony, will the head of the Sanitary Department state—

Whether any report has been received of any case of rinderpest occurring in Hong Kong or the New Territories during the month of August?

Reply.—No cases of rinderpest were reported during the month of August. As the Public Health and Building Ordinance does not apply to the New Territories, we would not usually hear of cases there except through the District Officer.

Question.—What measures, if any, have been taken to prevent the importation of the disease into the Colony?

Reply.—The by-laws dealing with the importation and landing of animals and mitigation and prevention of disease among animals are strictly enforced. Incidentally the flow of trade in livestock is from Hong Kong to Macao.

Value of Milk.

The application had been deferred from a previous meeting so that applicant could clean his premises.

Mr. Carrie said that this had been done fairly satisfactorily.

Dr. Pope observed that he was not altogether satisfied.

Dr. Koch said he did not wish to prevent such dairies (in reality, shops where fresh milk can be sold) being scattered about the town as it is good for people to learn the value of milk. However, since the applicant had not taken sufficient pains even to satisfy the Medical Officer of Health, it showed he was careless.

Mr. Carrie revealed that a suggestion had been made in an old file that shops of the type referred to need not be registered. The milk to be sold will be obtained from registered dairies and the Department can inspect once a week. Accordingly, he proposed granting the application.

Dr. Tso seconded and the proposal was carried by five votes to four, two members refraining from voting.

Word has been received by the "Japan Advertiser" that Miss Alice Reiffenlder, daughter of Bishop Charles S. Reiffenlder, of the American Episcopal Church in Tokyo, has passed her entrance examinations into Vassar College with the exceptional average of 98 per cent. She has been a student at the Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Bishop Reiffenlder and his family are now in the United States on furlough.

Among the patients at the County Hospital is Gen. Li Chung-jen, Commander-in-Chief of the 4th Group Army, Hankow. The General is suffering with eye trouble.

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Sir Frederick and Lady White arrived from Japan a day or two ago and are staying at the Majestic, Shanghai.

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When the Captain was admitted to hospital, he was told that he must remain there until the end of the operation. The Captain, however, insisted on returning to the ship.

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Berlin, Yesterday.
The famous runner, Peltzer, has been suspended from participating in athletic events until he satisfactorily explains his non-appearance at the Franco-German athletic contest at Berlin on Sunday last.

Amsterdam Recalled.

It is recalled that Peltzer at Amsterdam complained of the German athletic officials' treatment of him. He declared he was not given the same treatment as other athletes.

TENNIS STAR.**TWO OF OUR BEST GIRL PLAYERS.**

(By F. Gordon Lowe.)

Of all our young girl players Miss Eileen Bennett and Miss Betty Nuthall stand out as the most famous and the most promising. This season the former, who beat Miss Nuthall in a terrific match at Cannes early in the spring, has the better record, whereas last year Betty was distinctly in front.

Perhaps the relative form of this attractive couple in 1928 is as it should be. Miss Bennett, although her strokes took longer to develop, has the more classical style of the two, while Betty still possesses the better temperament for a great occasion.

The match-winning ability of the former however, is improving rapidly, as her recent record in matches along the Riviera coast clearly showed. Previously Miss Bennett had a tendency, and it is still apparent in a lesser degree, to sacrifice winning leads. This happened in her match against Miss Helen Wills last year at Wimbledon, and in a more marked degree against Miss Joan Fry the year before on the centre court.

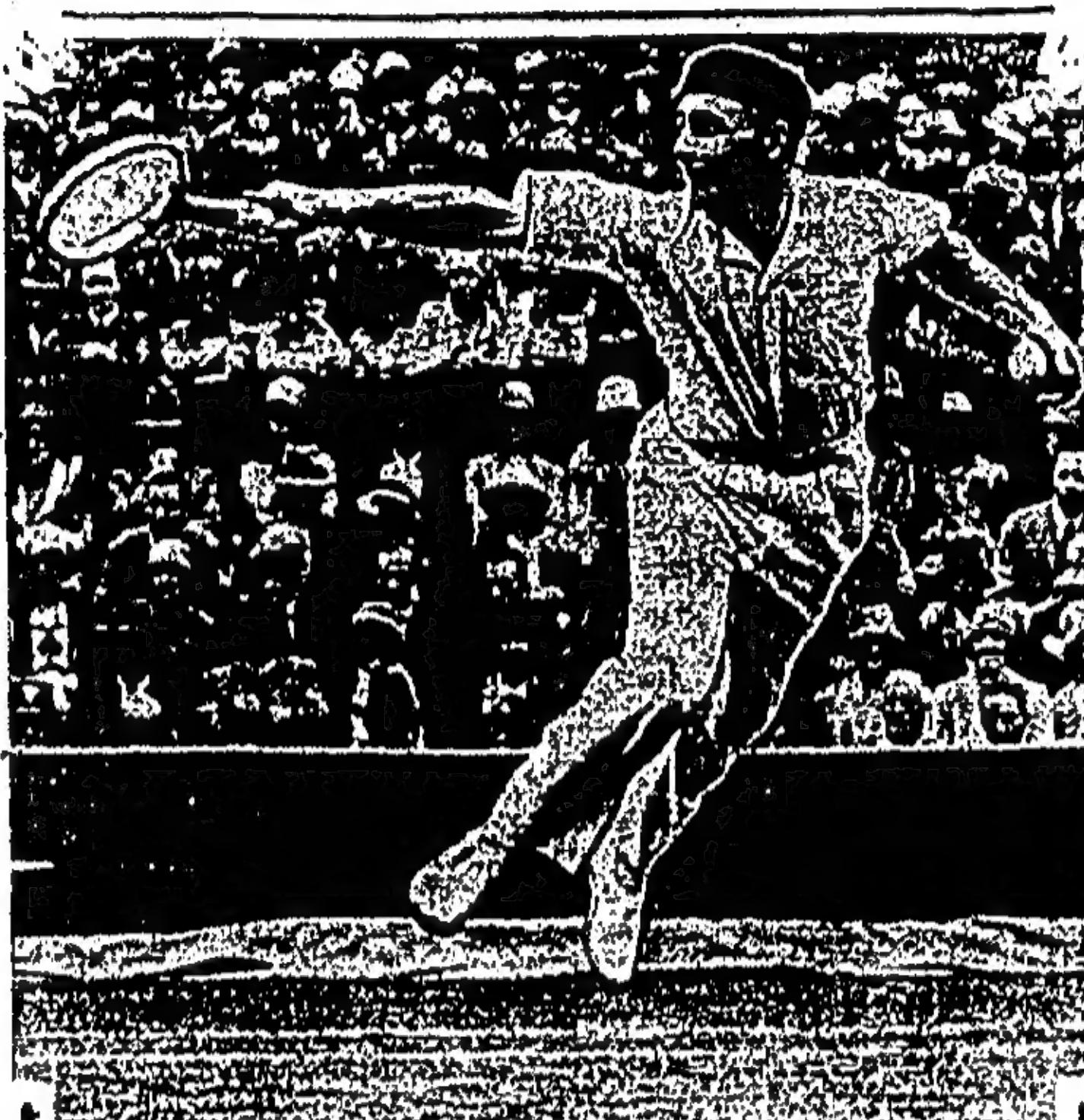
COCHET AS TUTOR.

The all-round improvements noticeable this year in her game is probably due to the coaching of that lawn tennis genius, Henri Cochet. The little man from Lyons has played with Miss Bennett in numerous "mixed" events, and has evidently taught her a good deal during their partnership.

Together this Anglo-French pair captured the American "mixed" championship at Forest Hills, New York last autumn, but they scored their greatest triumph only the other day in Paris over Miss Helen Wills and Frank Hunter.

Thus, Wimbledon alone remains to be conquered; they will have their chance this year!

Miss Bennett also won the women's doubles championship with Mrs. Watson in Paris, and reached the final of the singles, in which she found the all-conquering Miss Suzanne, although the English girl hits the ball on the forehand and backhand with great force.

The "Bounding Basque" in Action.

Here is the reason why tennis fans all over the world refer to Jean Borotra as "the bounding Basque." The French ace is pictured during his singles play at Wimbledon.

On the other hand, Miss Bennett, whose game, obviously matured later, has never been able to win it!

Miss Nuthall has been hailed on all sides, even by Lacoste, as the future lady champion. This is, of course, quite possible, although she has by no means reached that stage yet.

The driving and technique of Miss Nuthall, fine as they are, could never equal those of the famous Suzanne, although the English girl hits the ball on the forehand and backhand with great force.

REPLY MATTERS MOST.

There is no one who appears to enjoy her tennis more than Betty does, or who regards it less as a "business."

In learning her new service there were two distinct difficulties (the second has been rather overlooked) which Miss Nuthall has had to contend with.

It is not actually the remodelling of her stroke which is the trouble, but the different reply she receives from that new stroke!

OVER ROPES.**ELLIOT FIGHTING IN AUSTRALIA.**

The Australian heavyweight champion, George Thompson (12.10%), the winner on points, and Jack Elliott (England), who scaled 11.10%, provided a real wrestlers' thrill at the Sydney Stadium, when they both fell through the ropes in the 11th round on several of the Stadium directors. The incident brought forth a roar from the comparatively few spectators, and went to show how much the onlookers appreciated the rough stuff.

It is certain, however, that when Miss Nuthall is mistress of the new situation she will emerge a finer player than ever before.

THRILLS FOR 'BUSMEN.'

Her greatest performance was achieved in 1927 when she beat the famous Mrs. Mallory at Wimbledon. Everyone "went mad" about this result. Later, in New York, she delighted everyone by reaching the

HOME SOCCER.**WIN FOR ROCHDALE IN DIVISION III.**

London, Yesterday.
In the Northern Section of the Third Division Rochdale beat Barrow by four goals to two.—Reuter.

PING PONG.**WAH YAN OLD BOYS STILL UNBEATEN.**

The Wah Yan Old Boys' Union won their most important match by defeating the Chinese Athletic (ex-champion team) last Saturday, the scores being 62-46 and thus maintain their unbeaten record. Ng Tai Ping, playing for the Wah Yan Old Boys, secured the individual record of the match, namely, 15 points out of a possible 18.

Singles Tourney.

There are 26 entries for the men's singles tourney and eight for the ladies championship tournament.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Dame Ellen Terry.



Dame Ellen Terry, whom the immortal Bernhardt called the "greatest of us all," friend of the late Sir Henry Irving, died full of years at her country home in Kent, having just passed her eightieth birthday.

Hero's Reward.

Last Photo of Late President Obregon.



Pretty Ann Bruce posed for this charming photograph a few minutes after the ceremony which united her to Lou Gordon, co-pilot and mechanic on the Amelia Earhart flight from Trepassey, N. F., to Southampton.

Free After 20 Years.



Oscar Slater, convicted in 1908 for the murder of a Glasgow girl, has finally won an acquittal through the efforts of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and other publicists. He was sentenced to serve his life behind the bars of an Edinburgh prison.



This photo, taken at the banquet at Mexico City in honour of the late President Obregon of Mexico, was taken two days before his assassination. He is shown at the left, being presented with a memento of the occasion by a cow-girl which is much the same manner in which his slaves approached him.

Before His Rendezvous With Death.



The picture at the top shows President-elect Alfaro walking in the gardens of the Hotel Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador, about forty-five minutes before his assassination. Below is a view of the garden where he was shot, and the body to the train which bore it to his Colonia home.

For Sale—One "Used Husband."



George Porter, Jr., aged 8, of Revere, Mass., had been unable to talk since birth. Doctors had agreed that his vocal cords were perfectly formed, but he could not use them. His father arranged a thrilling plane ride for the boy, and after a long series of stunts a half mile in the air the boy was cured and spoke.

That's the remarkable proffer which Mrs. Janet Quittner (above with her husband) is alleged to have made to Mrs. Esther Feldman Beck (Inset below) according to papers in a \$60,000 heart bala suit instituted by Mrs. Quittner against Mrs. Beck. The latter denies the larceny charge, saying that plaintiff came to her and said: "If you pay me \$610,000, you can have my husband for your husband."

Panama's Only Portia.



Senorita Clara Gonzales, Panama's only woman lawyer, who has arrived in Washington to take up her work in connection with the Inter-American Commission of Women.

For the Evening.



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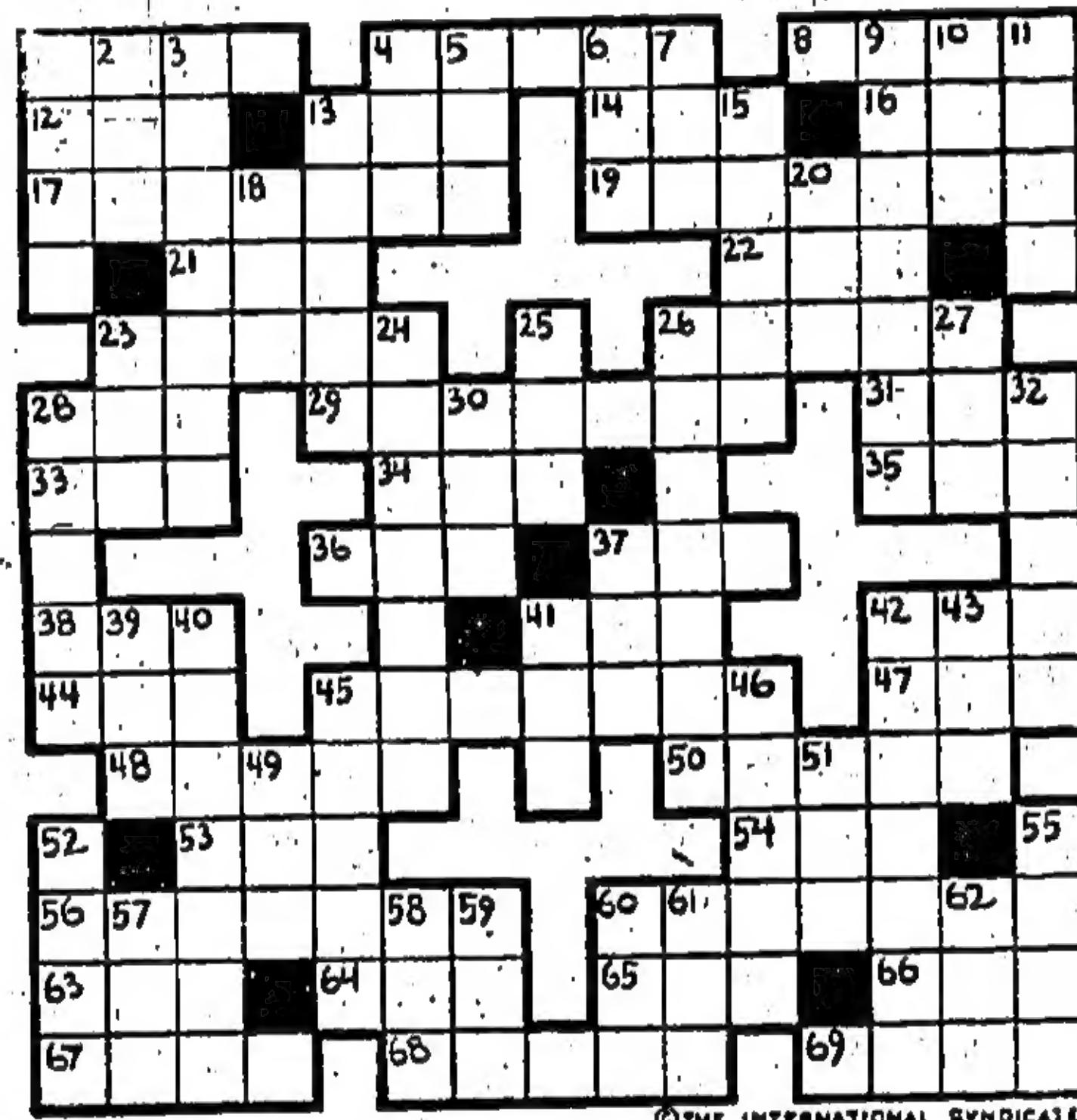
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL
1-To conduct a publication
4-Conspiracy
5-Demands
12-Own (Scot.)
13-Interjection.
Disput.
14-A luminous plant
15-A peevish mood
17-A well-known American tree
18-A seaport town in S. W. England
21-The highest note in Guido's scale
22-To destroy the contents of
23-A noted American general
26-American mammal
28-Species of the cactus
29-A Greek legendary hero.
31-The purpose in view
33-Silent
34-Metal-bearing rock
35-A Portuguese coin
36-A land measure (Metric system)
37-Skill
38-To impair
41-Ape
42-A tooth
44-Salt (Latin)
45-The Danish peninsula
47-A person spoken of indefinitely

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
48-The same as "Jerusalem"
50-A game fish
53-It is (contr.)
54-A priest's vestment
56-Retriles
60-To conure
63-A tool for hewing
64-A brood of pheasants
65-Not in harmony
66-The Greek R.
67-A gull-like bird
68-The home of the witch consulted by King Saul
69-To pack

VERTICAL
1-Ever
2-Prefix. Through
3-An intermediate season
4-To excel
5-Interjection. Triumph
6-Capable
7-A sign of the zodiac
9-To speak in a confused way
10-A New Zealand parrot
11-A river of the lower regions
13-To send home, is a blow
15-An ancient city in Greece
18-A wing

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

HONG KONG HEIGHTS

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MR. BOTTOMLEY'S WAR LECTURES.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The hearing was continued of the libel action brought by Mr. Horatio Bottomley against Messrs. Hurst and Blackett, publishers, and Mr. Henry James Houston, formerly in Mr. Bottomley's employment, in respect of a book, "The Real Horatio Bottomley," written by Mr. Houston and published by Messrs. Hurst and Blackett.

Mr. Bottomley complained that he had been accused of blackmail in the book.

Mr. Bottomley (who conducted his own case), in cross-examining Mr. Houston, called his attention to the particulars in the defense in mitigation of damages. They stated that in consequence of widely disseminated publication of reports of proceedings in which Mr. Bottomley was concerned Mr. Bottomley was "a man of infamous reputation." Those particulars, said Mr. Houston, were settled by counsel and not by him.

Mr. Bottomley: What was it that made you call me a blackmailer?—Somewhere at the end of August 1922 Mr. Bigland and his solicitor placed a number of dossiers at my disposal.

Did those dossiers have any reference to the specific charges of blackmail raised in this case?—I think some were there. I am sure of one of them.

Mrs. Houston's Money.

Mr. Houston produced ten cheques signed by Mrs. Houston and payable to him. None of them, he agreed, was payable to Mr. Bottomley nor did they refer to the £1,500 which Mr. Houston owed his wife, as was shown in his bankruptcy proceedings. The cheques referred to transactions between himself and Mr. Bottomley.

"The money in the cheques," he added, "was money Mrs. Houston lent to you, Mr. Bottomley, and they were payable to me so that I could cash them and hand you the money. At the time you wanted ready money quickly."

Mr. Bottomley: These cheques were not produced to the Official Receiver as evidence of your indebtedness to Mrs. Houston?—No, I don't think so.

Mr. Bottomley: You say in the book that I never asked you to do anything unfair or anything that was outside the law. Do you think still that it was outside the law to go to Boston, the Birmingham bookmaker?—If I was a party to blackmail, yes, but I did not at the time realize what it really meant.

You still tell the jury that in your opinion I am a blackmailer?—I do. Taking the circumstances into consideration—that no work was done for the payments received—I say that the money was not earned.

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Mr. Houston said that in his book he had faithfully endeavored to set out all that was good about Mr. Bottomley as well as what was bad. "I gave illustrations of his amazing generosity," he added.

"You Earned It."

Mr. Bottomley: Do you seriously say that I drew £22,000 out of my war lectures?—Yes, less expenses.

Were there not sometimes losses?—No, and if there were they were borne by the promoters.

"But I am prepared to say," Mr. Houston added, "that you were entitled to every penny. It was very hard work, and you earned it."

Mr. Reginald Baker, managing director of the International Correspondence Schools, Ltd., giving evidence, produced two of the company's cheques payable to Mr. Bottomley for £500 each and dated April 29, 1913, and April 1, 1914, respectively. On the face of one were the words "Special payment for services to this company." In 1917, said Mr. Baker, Mr. Bottomley wrote stating that he had some arrangement with the company for regular annual payments and that he had had no payment since 1916. He therefore claimed that there was a considerable sum due.

The company replied that they had no record of the arrangement and eventually the matter dropped. A payment of £500 was made in 1916.

Mr. Bottomley: Did you know anything that would justify the statement that I obtained £500 as consideration for not publishing various complaints received by me relating to the schools?—Personally I didn't because I had nothing to do with the arrangement.

Disappeared From Ship.

Mr. Edgecumbe Brighten, formerly vice-chairman of the I.C.S. Ltd., said that the alleged arrangement was made with a director who disappeared from a ship on the journey between England and America.

The hearing was adjourned.

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Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony, according to reports to the Medical Officer of Health, was as follows:

Small-pox: 2 cases from the city—total 2, 1 Portuguese death during the week.

Enteric fever (typhoid): 5 cases from the city, 1 from Kowloon—total 6 cases (3 Chinese cases imported), 5 deaths.

Cerebro-Spinal fever: 1 death during the week.

Puerperal fever: 1 case from the city—total 1, 1 Chinese death.

Influenza (not notifiable): 11 deaths during the week.

BABU ENGLISH.

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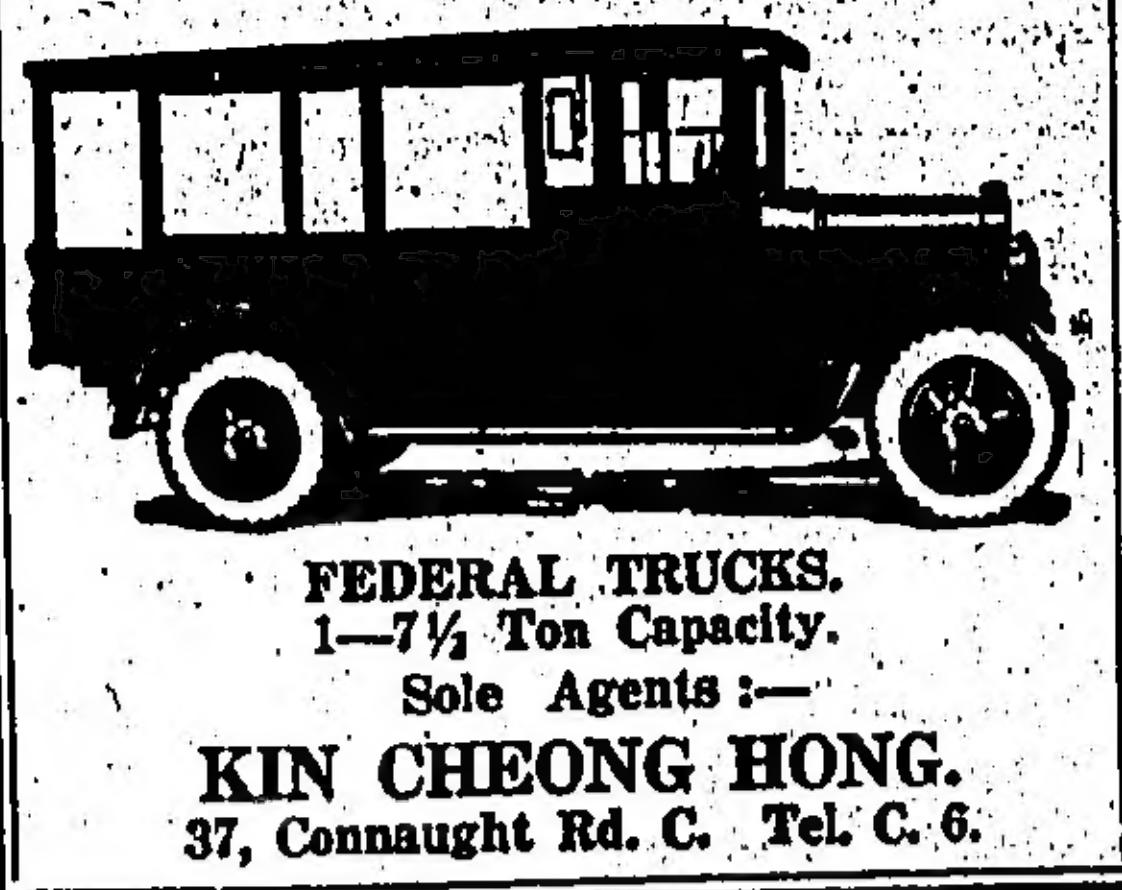
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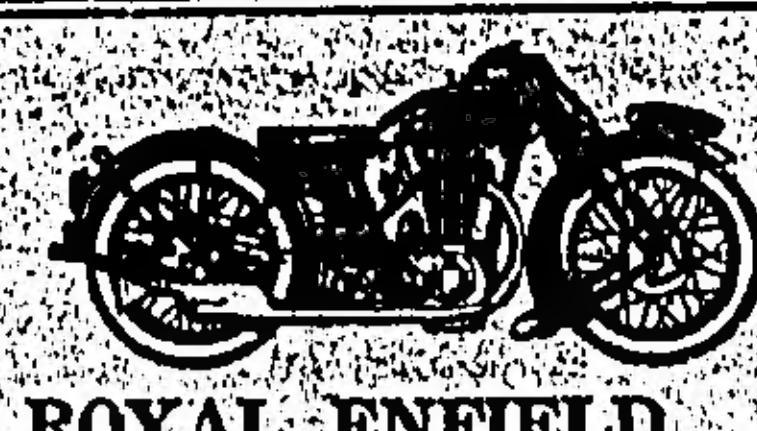
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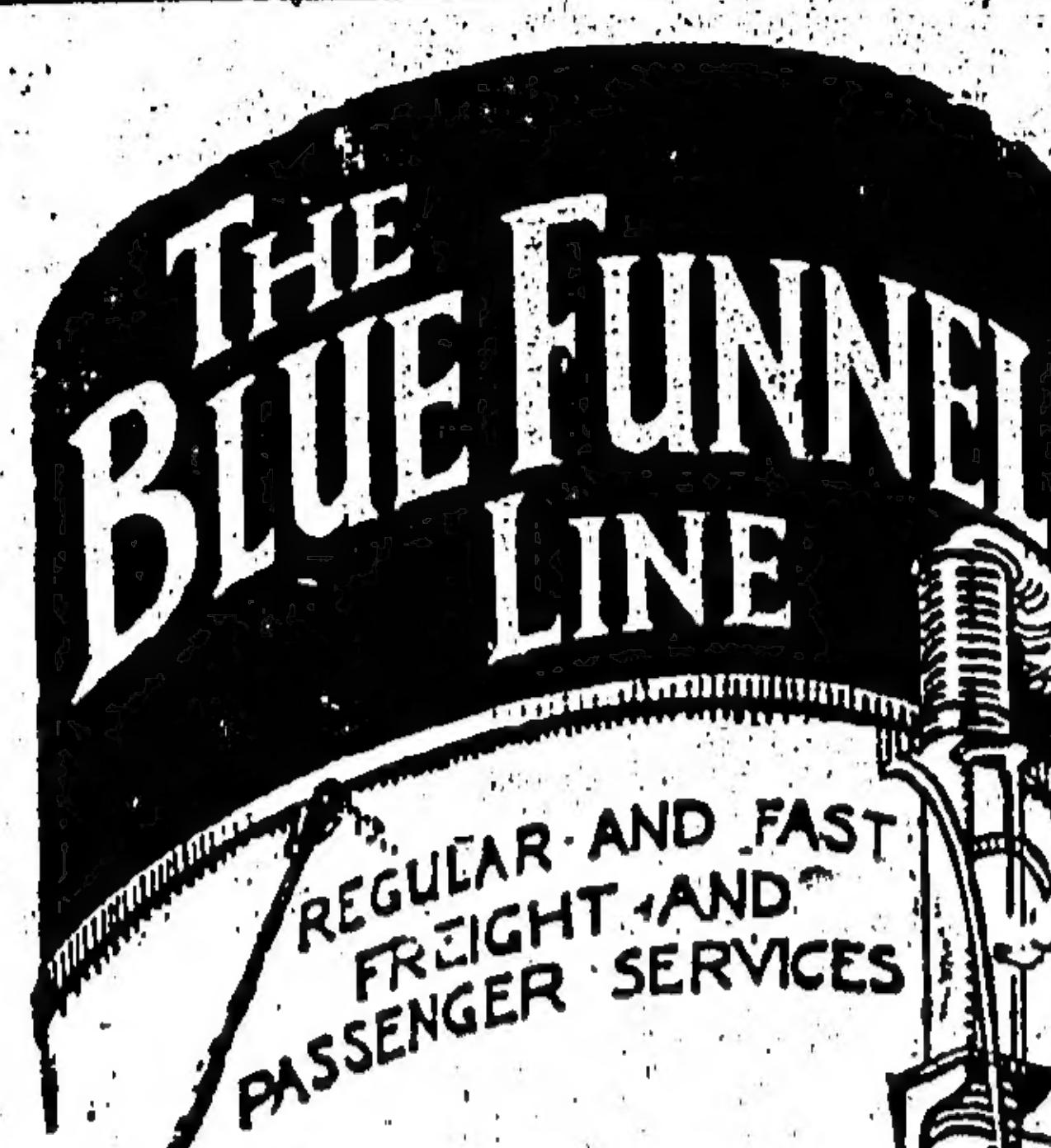
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Shanghai and Amoy	Lian	
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuan	
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.		6.
Europe via Negapatam (Letter only)	London	
9th August	Takada	
Shanghai and Amoy	Kinchow	
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.		7.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Heidelberg	
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.		8.
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9th August	Yuen Sang	
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.		10.
Manila	President McKinley	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Jefferson	

OUTWARD MAIIS.

For	To	Per
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.		5.
Manila	Empress of Asia	3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Yunnan	6 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.		6.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru	10.30 a.m.
Japan	St. Albans	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.		7.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	2 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.		8.
*Straits and Calcutta. Parcels noon	Sui Sang	
Letters 1 p.m.		
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Wei Hai Wei	Kueichow	2 p.m.
Manila	President Wilson	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.		9.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan	8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hoxan Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.		10.
Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco—due San Francisco, 3rd Oct. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	President McKinley	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President McKinley	
Letters only 6 p.m.		
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.		11.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halvard	Noon

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A NEW FINANCIAL ORGANISATION.

IN NEW YORK.
WITH SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL OF \$14,000,000.

THE DIRECTORATE.

New-York, Yesterday. The formation is announced of a new financial organisation, to engage in general banking, entitled the Commercial National Bank and Trust Company, with a capital of \$14,000,000.

The President will be Mr. Herbert Howell, the well-known banker, who for many years was with the National Bank of Commerce.

There will be no public offering of stock, and it is understood that the entire capital stock has been subscribed by the Directors who include Mr. Robert Lehman and other bankers, Mr. Walter Chrysler, motor-car manufacturer, Mr. David Schulte, tobacco magnate, Sydney Kent, General Manager of Famous Players Lasky Corporation, and Mr. William Wrigley, chewing gum "king."—Reuter's American Service.

COTTON INDUSTRY.

A DRAMATIC REDUCTION OF CAPITAL

FROM 7 TO 4 MILLIONS.

London, Yesterday. The drastic reduction of capital from £7,000,000 to approximately £4,000,000 was confirmed in the Manchester Chancery Court in the case of Messrs. Crosses and Winkworth, cotton spinners, Bolton.—Reuter.

CONTRACTORS' SUIT.

FIVE MONTHS OR FIFTY DAYS FOR A JOB?

LONG DRAWN-OUT CASE.

The long drawn-out case in which a contractor alleges he was forced to engage armed Police guards to enable him to continue work came up again before Mr. Justice P. Jacks (Fuisane Judge) this morning in the Summary Court.

Plaintiff is Tsang Shing, trading as Tsang Shing Kee of No. 14, Fook Sua-lane, who sues the Wing On Lung, No. 29, D'Aguilar-street, for \$861.80 for balance for work done in respect of six houses. Defendant counter-claims \$1,000.

Mr. A. el Arculli is for plaintiff and Mr. M. K. Lo for defendant.

Book Entries.

Defendant was cross-examined this morning. He said that he accepted plaintiff's offer to work in July last year but work did not commence until October because he, defendant, was doing some concrete work which prevented plaintiff, the sub-contractor, from going ahead with his masonry work. Mr. Arculli therefore asked defendant if it was his intention that plaintiff should do the masonry work in fifty days whereas even defendant himself had said that the period was five months.

Defendant also admitted that in certain books there was no reference to specifications, time limit or penalty for exceeding the limit, but there was an entry about plans. This Mr. Arculli asked His Lordship to make a special note of.

STOWAWAYS.

THREE CHINESE ON THE "ST. ALBANS."

Three Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Court this morning, on a charge of stowing away on the L.S. "St. Albans."

They pleaded guilty and said that they had no money, with which to pay for their fare.

The L.S. "St. Albans" arrived yesterday from Australia and Manilla. The defendants were discovered among the third-class passengers one day from Sandakan. They were placed under arrest on arrival in Hong Kong.

Asked if they knew any one here, defendant answered in the negative. A fine of \$100 with the alternative of 3 months hard labour was imposed.

AN AIR DISASTER IN AMERICA.

7 PEOPLE KILLED.
AIR-LINER NOSE-DIVES FROM 30 FEET.

AND CRASHES.

Salt Lake City, Yesterday. Six persons, including a woman and two children are reported killed by the crashing of an air liner near Pocatello, Idaho.

THE MODERNISATION OF AFGHANISTAN.

MANY CHANGES.
PEOPLES' COUNCIL INSTEAD OF STATE COUNCIL.

COMPULSORY CONSCRIPTION.

Moscow, Yesterday. The modernisation of Afghanistan is proceeding apace, according to a telegram from Kabul which states that the Jirga, the All-Afghan Peoples' Assembly, has decided to establish a Peoples Council based on direct elections instead of the existing State Council.

The new Council will consist of 150 deputies holding seats for three years.

All titles, ranks and decorations, except the decoration of independence, have been suspended and a new national flag of black, red and green has been substituted for the old black flag.

Universal compulsory military conscription will be introduced, beginning at the age of 17 and the period of training will be 3 years.

Officers Going to England.

The War Minister has announced that besides 200 Afghan officers studying in Soviet Russia, Italy, France and Germany, 20 will be sent to England. The Minister of the Interior has announced the forthcoming erection of wireless stations at Memen and Hanabad and the construction of three railway lines by French and German contractors.

The King is stated to have arranged for the purchase of 50,000 rifles from France.

The Jirga adopted a resolution in favour of a general levy to purchase arms and, amid general enthusiasm, declared that Prince Rakhmatulla, the eldest son of Amanullah, is heir to the Throne.—Reuter.

MR. H. C. PAGE.

"SONONY" OFFICIAL ATTACKED IN YUNNANFU.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

A report from Yunnanfu states that Mr. H. C. Page, manager of the Standard Oil Co., of New York's installation there, was assaulted on Aug. 30 by a Chinese with intent to kill. Mr. Page is, however, reported to be recovering.

WELL EQUIPPED.

2 HAMMERS, A SAW AND A PAIR OF PINCERS.

ROBBERY FRUSTRATED.

When arrested at 4.30 a.m. yesterday, a Chinese had in his possession two hammers, one saw and a pair of pincers. Before Mr. Walter Schofield, at the Kowloon Court this morning, he admitted that he had implements for the purpose of breaking into the Ngai Hing Knitting factory, at No. 34, Kwong Wah-road.

Detective-Inspector Fallon said that a fold of the factory on hearing a suspicious sound from the back premises, went to investigate the matter. He saw defendant moving against the wall and peeping cautiously into a number of windows. The fold raised the alarm and caught defendant with little difficulty.

There has been a number of reports received by the police from both Europeans and Chinese of house-breaking," said Det. Inspector Fallon, who added that these seemed to be on the increase.

Defendant, according to police records, had a previous conviction against him.

A sentence of four months' jail with hard labour was imposed.

The forthcoming marriage is posted at the British Consulate-General in Tientsin of Gerald Maurice Blanchard Thomas, merchant of Tientsin, and Miss Kathleen Walker, also of Tientsin.

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FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

A Japanese named Kukimoto, of No. 218, Praya East, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning charged on remand with the unlawful possession of 50,000 heroin pills.

Chief Preventive Officer Clark, who prosecuted, handed up the Government Analyst's certificate relating to the pills, and said that in face of that certificate he would ask for permission to withdraw the charge against the defendant.

Relying to the Magistrate, Mr. H. A. Taylor, who was present in Court, said that the pills were quinine pills. He (Mr. Taylor) had never seen quinine in that form before. The pills certainly closely resembled heroin pills.

Mr. Lindsell asked if it did not look as if the defendant was trying to palm these quinine pills off as heroin pills.

Mr. Taylor said that he was of that opinion, especially in view of Mr. Clark's statement as to the price the defendant was asking for the pills.

Defendant said that he did not mean to cheat anyone. The pills were given to him by a friend to keep.

In discharging the defendant, Mr. Lindsell remarked that it was curious that the quinine should so closely resemble heroin pills. Quinine had never been turned out in that form before.

With regard to the pills, the C.P.O. said that defendant was bound to be caught again if he was allowed to take them away.

Mr. Lindsell replied that as there had been no case against the defendant, he could not make an order with regard to the pills. He advised the C.P.O. to hold the pills until application was made for them.

Mr. Clark: That might result in a lot of trouble.

The \$25,000 given by Mr. H. K. Kellie, chairman of the Anglo-Chinese Society, to the Douglas Fairhurst Fund, Thomas, the author of "The Iron Curtain," has been returned to the Society by the author, who has now sold the book.

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